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## Campaign & Patriotic Materials

### Campaign Ribbons

Excerpts from newspapers and other sources

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REC'D FEB 25 1932  
LIFE INSURANCE CO

Aberdeen Miss  
Feb 24 1932

<sup>Nat'l</sup> Lincoln Life Ins Co  
Fort Wayne Ind

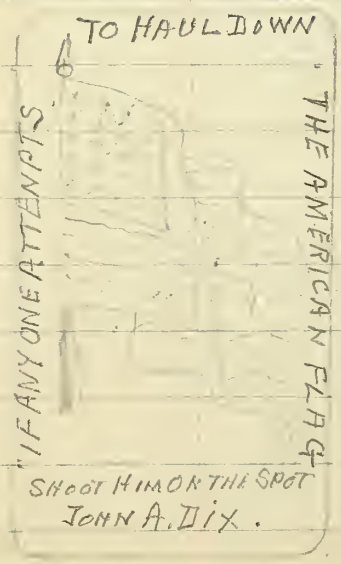
Dear Sir:-

Kindly send me "Lincoln Love"  
Kindly quote me your prices for  
Lincoln Photographs &c. from 3" x 4"  
size & up. Thanking you for same  
From your Add in Feb 1932 "Hobbies"

I have a creamy white satin piece of ribbon  
3 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" by 6 <sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>" corded edges.

The following is printed on same. The words  
in blue ink. & 2" x 3" American Flag in center in  
five colors of flag & flowing in breeze

Found same in a book in Ill. after the  
war & do not know its history or anything  
about it. Following is a sketch of it



Any information you can  
give me about same  
copy in  
Center of  
Ribbon  
will be thankfully rec'd  
Thanking you  
Yours very truly  
Harry Payne

Have a lot of antiques



# Lincoln Ribbon Found in Valley

NORTHRIDGE, Feb. 11—What may be the sole remaining Lincoln for President campaign ribbon of 100 years ago was unearthed here today.

George C. Strange, 52, retired entertainer and an inventor, displayed the yellow silk ribbon. Remarkably preserved, it bears the legend:

Our Ticket  
1860

For President  
Abraham Lincoln  
For Vice-President  
Hannibal Hamlin

The ribbon also bears a steel engraved likeness of the beardless Lincoln. On the reverse side it reads: "Published by F. A. Pierce, 120 Lake st., Post Office Box 421, Chicago."

Mr. Pierce, whoever he was, had a winner, Lincoln and Hamlin were elected that year.

The Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D. C., told Strange, of 17419 Chase st.,

they do not have one of his particular campaign ribbons in their vast collection which dates back to 1840 when such items came into vogue in the campaign of William Henry Harrison.

They would be interested in buying it, Strange said.

1960



The Don Inverna collection of Political Memorabilia  
 Maine Antique Digest June, 1981

Of the four ribbons on the top row, from left to right, the 1856 ribbon from the Fillmore and Donelson Young America Club in good to excellent condition made \$130 (\$143); the 1860 Lincoln Yours Truly signature ribbon, \$400 (\$440); the 1860 Republican Wide Awakes, with a piece of ribbon missing in the upper left, \$400 (\$440); and the Lincoln and Hamlin ribbon, Hake AL 3030, in poor condition and estimated \$70 and up, \$300 (\$330). Of the four tokens (middle left of the picture), the 1860 Lincoln token, apparently copper plated with a silvery substance, made \$90 (\$99); 1860 Lincoln token "Free Territory for a Free People" had Lincoln's first name spelled "Abram" and made \$85 (\$93.50); the 1860 Lincoln bust, made from light brown hard rubber, in choice uncirculated condition, \$150 (\$165); and the Lincoln and Hamlin uniface jugate ferrotypes, estimated at \$600, made \$450 (\$495). In the group of four items, middle right, the Lincoln ferrotypes pin set in a brass rope frame, estimated \$500 and up, made \$375 (\$412.50); the 1864 Lincoln and Johnson jugate portraits, in chocolate brown, uncirculated, made \$240 (\$264); the two Lincoln tintype portraits made \$210 (\$231) and \$250 (\$275) respectively. In the lower left corner, the Citizens' Committee ribbon from 1861 with stitch holes on side indicating it may have been part of a quilt made \$130 (\$143); the larger ribbon in the middle, perhaps manufactured for the inauguration, made \$300 (\$330); the Lincoln, Johnson, the Union, and Victory was estimated at \$375 and up and made \$425 (\$467.50).



Key Shank 1/85



75  
SUPERB  
VAN BUREN  
SNUFFBOX

76  
BUCHANAN  
AMBROTYPE



- | ITEM  | ESTIMATED VALUE |
|---|-----------------|
| 1 Scarce George Washington inaugural button, Albert #12C, Hake 3008. Nice XF, orig shank, 63 denticles  | 600.00          |
| 2 Extremely rare JQA 1828-1, Hake 3002. Eagle, 24 stars, "His Excellency John Quincy Adams - President of US-1828". White metal, VF, the only one I've seen in 17 years                         | 1500.00         |
| 3 Probably unique copper ring, similar to wedding band. Outside has eagle and raised letters "Hon John Q Adams, President, 1825". Choice VF, an ultimate rarity                                 | 1250.00         |
| 4 Scarce MVB 1836-4, Low #190, Hake 3018. Brass, VG. Eagle above temple of liberty "Democracy and Our Country"  | 175.00          |
| 5 "Andrew Jackson March 4 1829" inaugural backname button, Albert 82, Hake 3027, Dewitt 1828-12, choice XF  | 225.00          |
| 6 Ext rare Van Buren brass clothing button, Albert 122, Hake 3026, lady Liberty with scales, Lib cap on pole, eagle perched above safe. Choice XF-the only one I can recall offered in 17 years | 375.00          |
| 7 The best of the log cabin buttons, WHH 1840-108, Albert 141A, cabin, coonskin, barrel, flag, cannon, row of standing soldiers, eagle flying overhead. "Tippecanoe Club", choice XF            | 200.00          |
| 8 Rare WHH 1840-129, Albert 132AV, small 14mm button with bust Harrison inside wreath. VF, only one I've ever had   | 175.00          |
| 9 Scarce and choice log cabin sulphide brooch "Harrison & Reform", pink background. Exc condition, orig pin. One extremely small chip at corner of glass. One of the nicest I've had            | 425.00          |
| 10 Very rare brass button, Taylor standing beside horse. ZT 1848-52, Albert 226B, Hake 3034. VF. Only the 2nd I've ever had-the other sold for  | 375.00          |
| 11 Lewis Cass gilt brass shell, bust with name and 1849. Reverse "Cass & Butler 1849". LC1848-7, Hake 3008. Choice lustrous uncirculated, an ultimate rarity                                    | 1000.00         |

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|--|-----------------|
| 12 Similar shell for "Taylor & Fillmore 1849", silvered brass, choice XF-AU. ZT 1848-22, Hake 3061   | 300.00          |
| 13 Rare "Greeley & Brown" jugate shell medallion, names above busts, clasped hands below. HG1872-22, Dewitt says only 20 were struck. Hake 3039. Choice AU   | 350.00          |
| 14 Rare McClellan 1864-4 struck in silver. Bust in wreath, "Fall of Sumter Will be Avenged... Rebellion Crushed...Honor of US..." Prooflike uncirculated   | 250.00          |
| 15 Rare Lincoln-Hamlin jugate ferrotype stickpin, near mint condition. A few very tiny pinpricks can be seen when tipped to bright light, hardly worth mentioning. A classic piece of Americana. AL 1860-116, Hake 3046            | 900.00          |
| 16 Rare and choice 1864 Lincoln ferro suspended from brass eagle shell, Brady portrait #1, never saw it before, essentially mint   | 450.00          |
| 17 An outstanding rarity. 1 1/8" ferrotype, pics Lincoln/Hamlin with names above. Rim is a doughnut style in chocolate brown hard rubber, with relief floral designs. Variant of AL1860-86 Pristine mint condition                 | 425.00          |
| 18 Lincoln/Hamlin ferro AL1860-96, mint  | 175.00          |
| 19 Highly desirable AL1864-94 ferrotype, Hake 3080. Lincoln in keyhole frame, reverse round Johnson. "For Pres...For VF". Gilt shell is lustrous unc, Lincoln ferro mint, Johnson near mint with couple tiny specks in background. | 400.00          |
| 20 Breckinridge-Lane jugate ferro stickpin JCE 1860-38, Hake 3005. Mint, a classic   | 1200.00         |
| 21 Breckinridge/Lane ferro 1860-21, perfect condition (tiny spot on catalog photo is not on item)  | 175.00          |
| 22 Rare Douglas/Johnson ferro 1860-30, brass shell rim has names and "Popular Sovereignty...Non Intervention". Both ferros bright & perfect, few tiny spots on brass rim   | 250.00          |

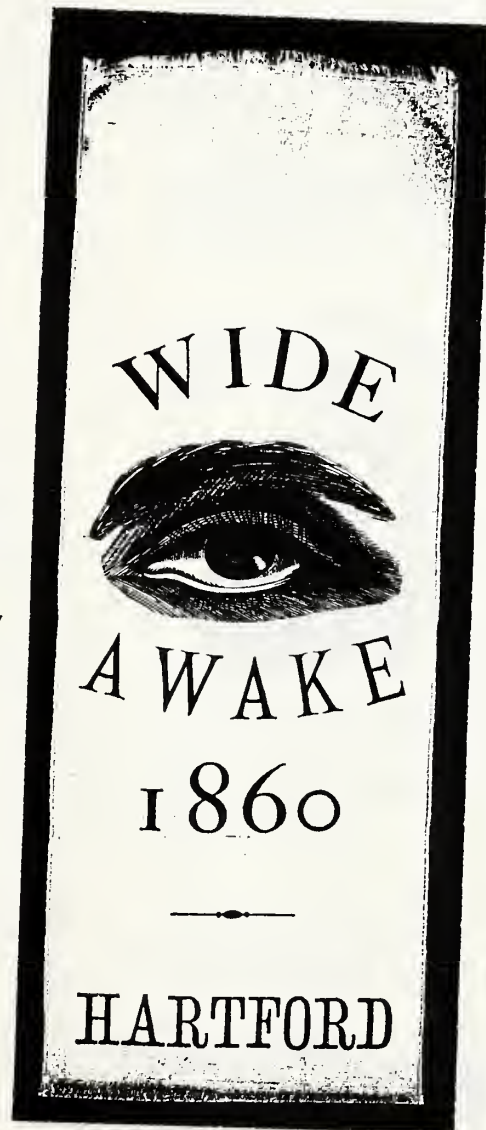


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23 Rare John Bell/Edward Everett ferro 1860-24, doughnut style rim of red hard rubber, wreath in relief. Bell is perfect. Couple extremely minor flaws on Everett side	200.00	53 Comical woman suffrage pin, multicolor cartoon Jeff (of Mutt & Jeff) being chased by woman with rolling pin, great slogan	40.00
24 Bell/Everett ferro, brass shell with names & date perfect	150.00	54 Rare blk/wht jugate John W. Davis-A.O. Stanley (for Kentucky Senator). Mint	350.00
25 Miniature ferro only 5/8", obverse brass rim embossed "Bell & Everett", reverse E ferro, stars, date. Mint. 1860-42, Hake 3015	200.00	55 Choice RWB cello jugate FDR-Horner (Illinois Governor 1932 & 1936). Great design, pristine	150.00
26 McClellan ferro stickpin 1864-56, Hake 3027, perfect	250.00	56 Beautiful multi Wilson inaugural 1 1/4", 1913	100.00
27 Very rare Fremont/Cochrane ferro JF1864-7, gilt brass shell keyhole/round. Gem uncirculated, pristine. Hake 3032	475.00	57 Sepia 1 1/4" Harding-Coolidge made by Hyatt Badge, Baltimore. Unlisted type, pristine mint	600.00
28 Grant-Colfax jugate ferro in 1" brass rim. Reverse pin missing, otherwise perfect. Unlisted	250.00	58 Rare 1866 extremely high relief bronze medal struck for the American Numismatic Society. "Salvator Patriae", rev "In Memory of the Life Acts & Death of Abraham Lincoln..." Thick, heavy-it weighs one pound! One of the premier Lincoln medals. Choice AU	400.00
29 Outstanding Grant prototype by Scovill. Albumen photo under glass, the glass reverse painted with RWB border. High relief brass shell border. Mint.	200.00	59 Rare 4" brn/wht cello, hopeful. (Spots on rim are reflections-button is mint)	150.00
30 Rare Grant albumen photo badge Hake 3090. RWB painted metal flags with paper pic, suspended from RWB metal shield pin. Extremely minor wear to photo - excellent	200.00	60 Rare 1 1/4" sepia "Labors Best Friend-John Mitchell" (Reflections in photo)	75.00
31 Scarce hopeful pin, albumen pic "Schuyler Colfax" in white metal flag pin. Choice mint	100.00	61 Very rare thick aluminum medal "Nashville Central Labor Union Organized Aug 1890", reverse arm & hammer "Second Labor Day Celebration Sept 5 '92" Choice AU	85.00
32 Grant-Colfax jugate ferrotype, 3 concentric borders of purple, bright blue, gilt brass. Mint except for couple tiny marks in purple. Pin gone from reverse	250.00	62 Very rare John Quincy Adams memorial ribbon, blk/wht silk, 1848. 9 lines about his character & integrity. JQA campaign ribbons are unknown, so this memorial type is all that's available for him. Mint.	400.00
33 Rare Grant/Colfax ferrotype 1868-64, large size, gilt brass "Our Choice for Pres...For VP", pristine mint	225.00	63 W H Harrison-New Haven 1840. Near mint-very minor background discoloration. Hake 3080	100.00
34 Matching Seymour/Elair, silvered brass, mint. 1868-22A, Hake 3006	250.00	64 Rare Young Mens Washington Temperance Society 1842, man at well, text about water. Near mint	75.00
34A Bid on above as a pair if you wish. The only ones I've ever had	475.00	65 Very rare Polk "Texas & Oregon-Young Hickory", 6 line poem. Top cropped close, some fraying on extreme left edge, tiny hole to left of portrait, very minor discoloration. Overall condition VG-Fine, but I've never heard of another	425.00
35 Seymour-Elair jugate ferrotype stickpin, names below, mint	250.00	66 Extremely rare Scott-Graham jugate, blk/wht with names below. This is the Hake plate specimen, as can be seen by looking closely at the photo in Hake pg 49-it had been photographed on a white background and trimmed square to make it look better. The silk is frayed at top close to Scott's head, but not into design. Small split on left edge opposite Graham. Top & bottom uneven as seen. Only 3-4 of these exist, and the only perfect one I know of sold for \$2500. This should easily be worth	750.00
36 Seymour/Elair gilt brass shell, high relief busts with names above, crossed branches below. Uncirculated. HS1868-26, Hake 3058	100.00	67 Fremont on horse "Free Soil, Free Speech, Free Press", Hake 3006, mint	75.00
37 Rare Grant ferro stickpin, gilt brass shell "For Pres 1872". Choice uncirculated, Hake 3111	225.00	68 Very rare Lincoln-Johnson "God Grant them Victory". A couple very minor tiny spots, near mint	325.00
38 Rare Grant/Wilson silvered brass shell, names above high relief busts, floral sprigs below. XF	150.00	69 Freedom-Fremont blk/pink, near mint	165.00
39 Grant-Wilson albumen jugate, names above, Hake 3117, mint	300.00	70 Extremely rare Zachary Taylor issued 10 days before his inauguration. "Grand Taylor Festival, Faneuil Hall 2/22/49, Rough & Ready Assn, Boston, Formed 7/1/46". Some very minor background discoloration, couple minor creases will iron or steam out. An outstanding rarity in excellent condition.	850.00
40 Similar Greeley-Brown jugate, Hake 3031, mint	350.00	71 Rare Clay-Frelinghuysen-Markle (for Gov of Penna) "Wrightsville, Hellam & Lower Windsor Clay Club". Black on brilliant rose, pristine	150.00
40A Bid on above as a pair if you wish	650.00	72 One of the premier Henry Clay ribbons-jugate with Thomas Corwin "For Gov of Ohio-The Wagon Boy". Some quite minor browning-condition excellent plus	500.00
41 Superb Horace Greeley ferrotype, Silvered clasped hands pin, holding a gilt maltese cross with ferro. Mint	500.00	73 Clay Club Delegation-Wash DC (bust Clay) "Liberty of Speech if not the Right of Suffrage" Near mint	150.00
42 Rare Greeley ferro stickpin. Same brass frame as Hake 3022, but with previously unknown portrait. Mint except for small chip in black coat above GR in name	350.00	74 Outstanding rarity-jugate John Fremont & wife Jessie, blk/blue. A few small minor brown spots, exc plus. Have never seen or heard of another	350.00
43 Greeley cardboard pic, name above, bright mint, unlisted photo	175.00	75 One of the finest political snuffboxes in existence. 3 3/4" diameter, portrait Martin Van Buren, Capitol dome at right. Color blk/mustard yellow, condition virtually mint, very bright. The nicest condition I've ever seen in a box, and it's a <u>very rare</u> one in any condition.	1500.00
44 Rare hopeful HW1872-1 "Senator H. Wilson", cardboard pic, mint	100.00	76 Very rare <u>ambrotype</u> (photo on glass) James Buchanan in gilt stamped leather hanging frame 3 1/4 x 3 3/4. Near mint. A superb rarity	1250.00
45 Highly desirable RBH 1876-40 cardboard jugate Hayes-Wheeler in silvered shell embossed "For Pres...VP". Essentially mint. Hake 3017	550.00		
46 Tilden-Hendricks cardboard jugate stickpin 1876-16, Hake 3025, bright mint	225.00		
47 Blaine-Logan cardboard jugate stickpin, unlisted, near mint (very minor browning to left beside Logan)	100.00		
48 Rare 1892 Cleveland-Stevenson jugate (much harder to find than 1884-88 jugates), GC1892-19. Photos a bit light, small mark to left of S. Only other C-S jugate I've had sold for \$250 (mint) several years ago	150.00		
49 McKinley-Hobart mechanical flag, essentially mint, Hake 3106	150.00		
50 Levering-Johnson 1896 Prohibition jugate, 7/8 cello RWB1 Hake #1 (Book 1 pg 255), mint	325.00		
51 1896 Peoples Party jugate Bryan-Watson, blk/wht, names above, mint	175.00		
52 Rare multicolor Wilson, superb colors, mint	200.00		



245. ROOSEVELT, ELEANOR. First Lady. Good Typed Letter Signed, as First Lady, on her gilt-imprinted White House stationery. One page, small quarto. Washington, April 6, 1935. To Mr. Bates. Mrs. Roosevelt writes: "I tried to find my original manuscript to see if it had in any way been changed. Of course I knew that in Federal prisons there were no special privileges granted. I think that occasionally in State prisons there have been. At least I have been told of certain cases and I have had people say occasionally that such things have happened in Federal prisons....However, County jails are what I had primarily in mind and I certainly did not intend to emphasize Federal and State prisons when County jails are the real point of attack...." Above average content! Very fine. 150.00

246. [LINCOLN, ABRAHAM]. Printed political campaign ribbon of the Hartford Wide-Awakes used in the presidential election of 1860. The Wide-Awakes was a name first used by an antiforeign, anti-Catholic organization which flourished around 1850. In the campaign of 1860, Republican marching clubs under this name arose everywhere. The first, in Hartford, wore black cambric capes when marching as protection against torch-drip-pings. These they later replaced with oilcloth capes, which, with glazed hats, became the official Wide-Awake garb. Gideon Welles, a native of Hartford, and an early and strong supporter of Lincoln's candidacy, played an important role in organizing the Wide-Awakes. This very scarce campaign ribbon, illustrated to the right, is seldom offered for sale. Choice condition. 250.00



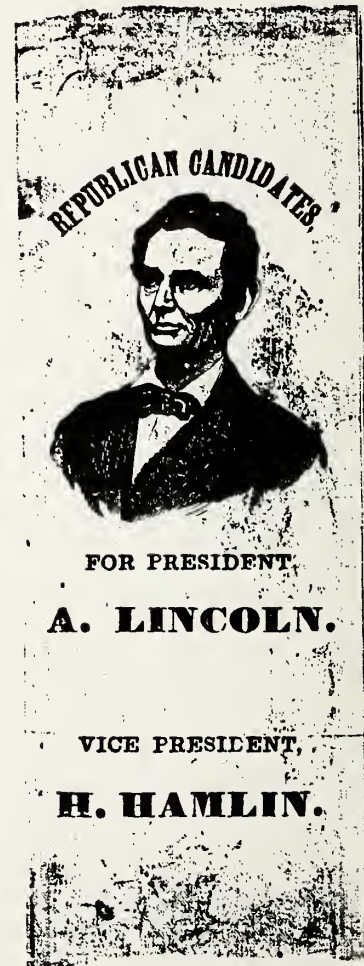
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247. HARDING, FLORENCE KLING. First Lady. Handsome engraved vignette of the front entrance to the White House with the wide approach drive devoid of people and vehicles. Oblong 12mo. Signed on the wide lower white margin: "A message of good wishes / Florence Kling Harding". Beneath her signature appears the date "April 21st 1922", possibly in Mrs. Harding's hand. Not inscribed to a named individual. Excellent condition. 150.00
248. ANDERSON, ROBERT. 1805-1871. American army officer; in command of Fort Sumter at time of Confederate attack. Manuscript Letter Signed. 1 3/4 separate pages, octavo. New York, June 21, 1866. To Mr. Brodhead. Anderson writes: "I have this moment received a letter from the Third Auditor, apprising me that a special submittal of my accounts with the Department dated May 14th, 1865...agrees [consistently with my accounting of the same]... Assuming that this is the result of your most kind and friendly efforts, I hasten at once to thank you for having thus relieved my mind of...annoyance and anxiety. Please present our kindest regards to Mrs. Brodhead, and do not fail to let us know when you come to this city, that we ourselves may have the pleasure of paying our respects. My wife joins me in acknowledgements of, and thanks for your kindness...." Evidently Anderson's accounts were being audited, and Brodhead must have been influential in settling the matter to Anderson's agreement. Very fine condition. 195.00

"TAKE ALL APPROPRIATE STEPS...TO VINDICATE AND  
ASSERT ALL RIGHTS OF THE UNITED STATES."

228. TRUMAN, HARRY S. President and Vice President. Superb Typed Letter Signed, as President, on imprinted White House stationery. Full page, 4to. Washington, April 6, 1951. To Honorable J. Howard McGrath, Attorney General of the United States, Washington. Truman issues instructions to his Attorney General: "I understand that, pursuant to my previous directions that all appropriate action should be taken to assert and maintain the Government's rights as owner of the stock of American President Lines...suit was instituted, at your direction, by the United States in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California to secure a judicial determination of the rights of the United States as owner of this stock. It is my wish that you continue to prosecute this suit, on behalf of the United States, so that the rights of the United States, which have not been adjudicated in the previous litigation, may be fully protected, and that you take all appropriate steps in the California suit to vindicate and assert all rights of the United States...." Certainly a most interesting directive from Truman to his Attorney General! Very fine. 1500.00

229. [LINCOLN, ABRAHAM]. Very scarce printed silk campaign ribbon issued during the 1860 presidential election. Features beardless profile bust portrait of Lincoln, with legend reading: "Republican Candidate / For President. / A. LINCOLN. / Vice President, / H. HAMLIN." Narrow 8vo. Ca. June - November, 1860. Very fine condition, and a great pictorial election souvenir! 650.00



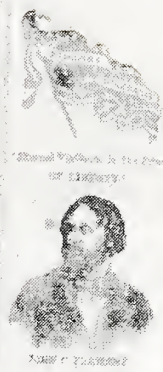
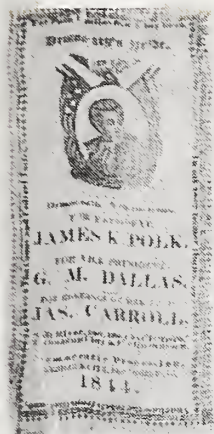
LETTER OF STATE TO CHILEAN PRESIDENT

230. HARRISON, BENJAMIN. President. Superb Manuscript Letter of State Signed, as President. Two pages, legal folio. Washington, March 28, 1889. Countersigned by JAMES G. BLAINE, Secretary of State. To His Excellency The President of the Republic of Chile, whom Harrison greets as Great and Good Friend. Diplomatic letter recalling William R. Roberts, who had served as Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States during the administration of Grover Cleveland. Harrison writes: "Mr. Roberts whose standing instructions had been to cultivate with Your Excellency's Government relations of the closest friendship, has been directed to convey to Your Excellency the assurances of our sincere desire to strengthen the friendly feeling now happily subsisting between Chile and the United States...." Very scarce form of presidential autograph, as most letters of this type still remain sealed in government archives. Very fine condition. 1250.00
231. ALBEE, EDWARD. American playwright; noted for his Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?. Autograph Letter Signed, on his imprinted stationery. One page, 4to. New York, January 11, 1983. To Jack B. Good, [Florida]. Albee writes: "Herewith the paper and a photo. I spend time in Coconut Grove during the winter. Perhaps we could meet either there or in Fort Lauderdale, when next I am down, and discuss matters raised in your letter. Write me a bit about yourself...." Fine condition. 75.00

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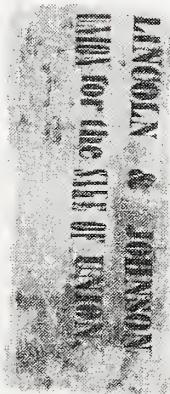
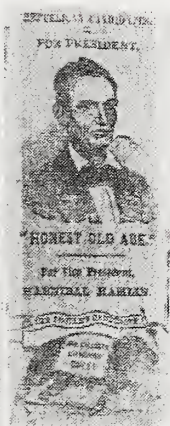
1  
we've never seen this  
beauty before; basically  
good shape, but couple  
minor partial vertical  
seps.  
950-

3  
nice Taylor  
memorial; one  
small stain  
125-

4  
uncommon  
Buchanan  
325-

5  
pink  
185-

6  
red, somewhat  
soiled, but  
presentable  
125-



7  
50-

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pink beauty, very rare, ex. cond.  
but slight irregularity in the  
inking creates minor horiz.  
striations in the images; still  
excellent  
1700-

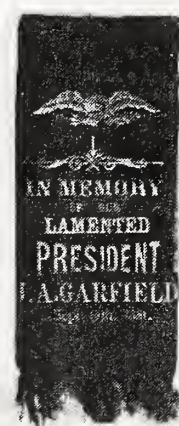
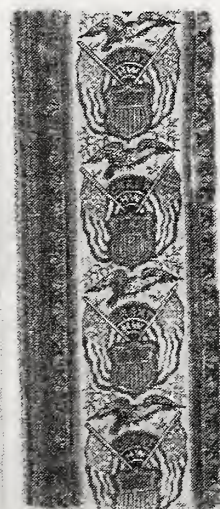
9  
light staining, but  
rare  
475-

10  
blue/W beauty; only  
very slight traces of  
light water staining,  
hardly visible  
2250-

11  
mint beauty  
250-

12  
near-mint RWB  
beauty (no tassle)  
850-

13  
rare woven ribbon;  
slightest hint of  
mildew staining  
mentioned for sake of  
accuracy  
475-



14  
beauty  
225-

15  
colorful fabric repeat  
100-

16  
blue, couple holes  
40-

17  
red/W minor light water  
staining  
50-

18  
silver/gold  
35-

19  
nice Garfield  
mem.  
50-







